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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: T. Barge et al.

Serial No.: 10/069,058

Filed: August 29, 2001

For: METHOD FOR TREATING SUBSTRATES
FOR MICROELECTRONICS AND
SUBSTRATES OBTAINED ACCORDING
TO SAID METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: Marcos D. Pizarro-
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Attorney Docket No.: 4717-4600

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 27, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 4 herein.

No fees are believed to be required for timely consideration of this paper. Should any fees accrue or be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814, Reference 4717-4600.